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3. The indication in the International Search Report of the degree of relevance found by the foreign patent office and the submission of corresponding publication WO 99/11297 for JP-A-2001-514049 constitutes a concise statement of relevance of JP-A-2001-514049.

4. The indication in the International Search Report of the degree of relevance found by the foreign patent office and citing corresponding U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0136977 for WO 02/096978 A1 constitutes a concise statement of relevance of WO 02/096978 A1.

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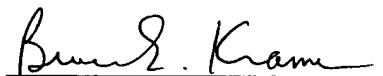
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